

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Order-acceptance management capable of supplying
commodities to customers in accordance with the
customers is executed. The invention assigns a rank to
5 an orderer and implements acceptance of an order for a
commodity in accordance with the rank. The number of
units of a commodity in stock is allocated to a group
corresponding to the rank. When an order is issued, it
is determined whether the order can be accepted. This
10 determination entails determining whether the commodity
that belongs to the group corresponding to the rank
assigned to the orderer and that is capable of
satisfying the order issued is in stock. If the
commodity ordered issued is in stock, it is determined
15 that the issued order is capable of being accepted.